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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Achim WIXFORTH

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For: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR MATTER TRANSPORT  
OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF MATTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- ✓ Claim 6 line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 5",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 6",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 6 or 7",  
✓ insert --claim 6--;
- ✓ Claim 10, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 9",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 10",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 11",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 13, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 12",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 15, line 1, delete "and claim 14";
- ✓ Claim 16, line 1, delete "and claim 13";
- ✓ Claim 17, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 16, in which superimposition", insert --claim 1, in which superposition--;
- ✓ Claim 18, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 17",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;
- ✓ Claim 19, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 18",  
✓ insert --claim 1--;